

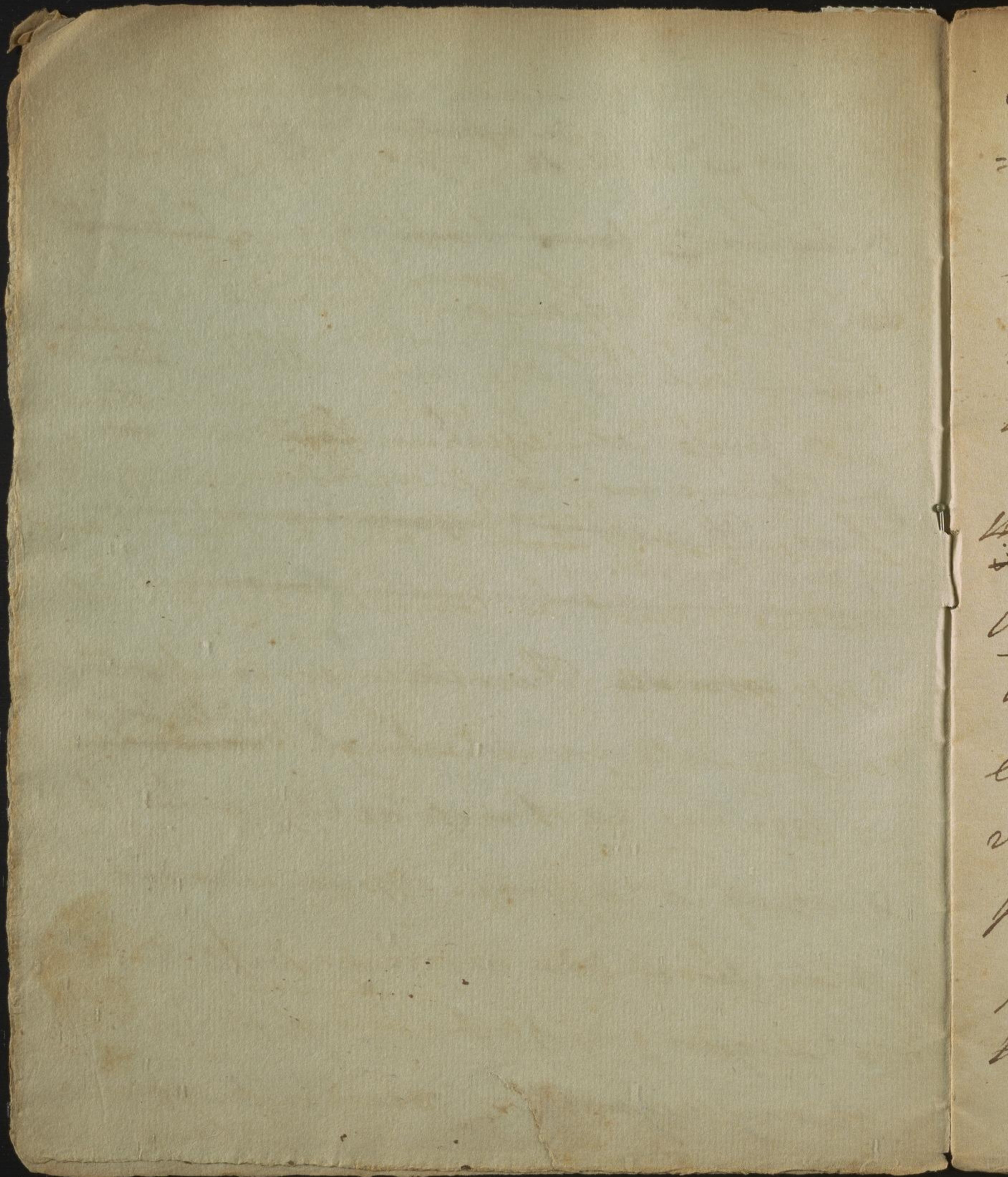
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The last hour spent by a
Professor with pupils who are to
be separated from him, perhaps

✓ never before this day - did I enter
this room - but with pleasure, and

for ever) is generally a solomon One - I
 but it ~~is~~ to be so ^{in a peculiar manner} upon the present
 Occasion; ~~for I have never before~~ ^{have I met}
~~to~~ a Class who have merited more
 from me by the regularity, ^{of this} ~~and~~
 and propriety of their Conduct ^{than} ~~in~~
 you have done - since the commencement
~~their Attendance upon the~~
 of our course. -
~~instruction given in this course.~~ -

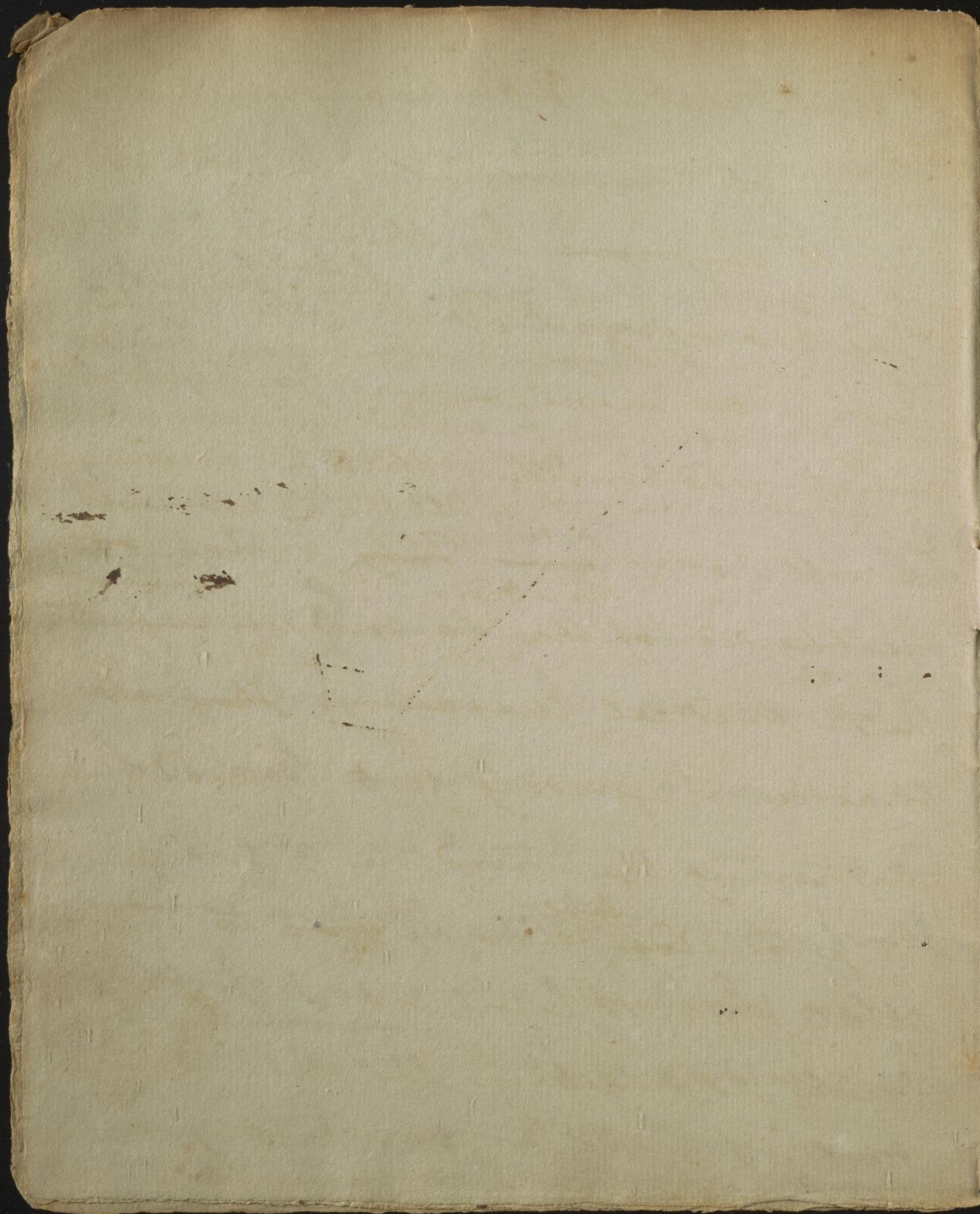
I ~~should~~ Permit me to employ
 the few moments which ^{still bind} ~~remain~~
 us together as Preceptor & Pupils, by
 suggesting to you the following short
 Articles of Advice. They will be the
 strongest proofs I can give you in
 of my regard for your future interests



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Last &

Let me advise you by no means
to suppose that you have finished
the study of ^{medicine,} ~~Physics~~, when you leave
the University, & enter upon Practice.
— However useful, ^{experience &} Observation may be,
^{they} ~~it~~ will not of ^{themselves} ~~itself~~ make a Physician.
Reading must be connected with it.
Appropriate therefore your first
earnings to purchasing Books. Let
no day pass without applying some
part of it to study. Open a common
place book as soon as possible for
the recording of facts, ^{& Epidemics,} and of such ideas
as or reflections as occur to you

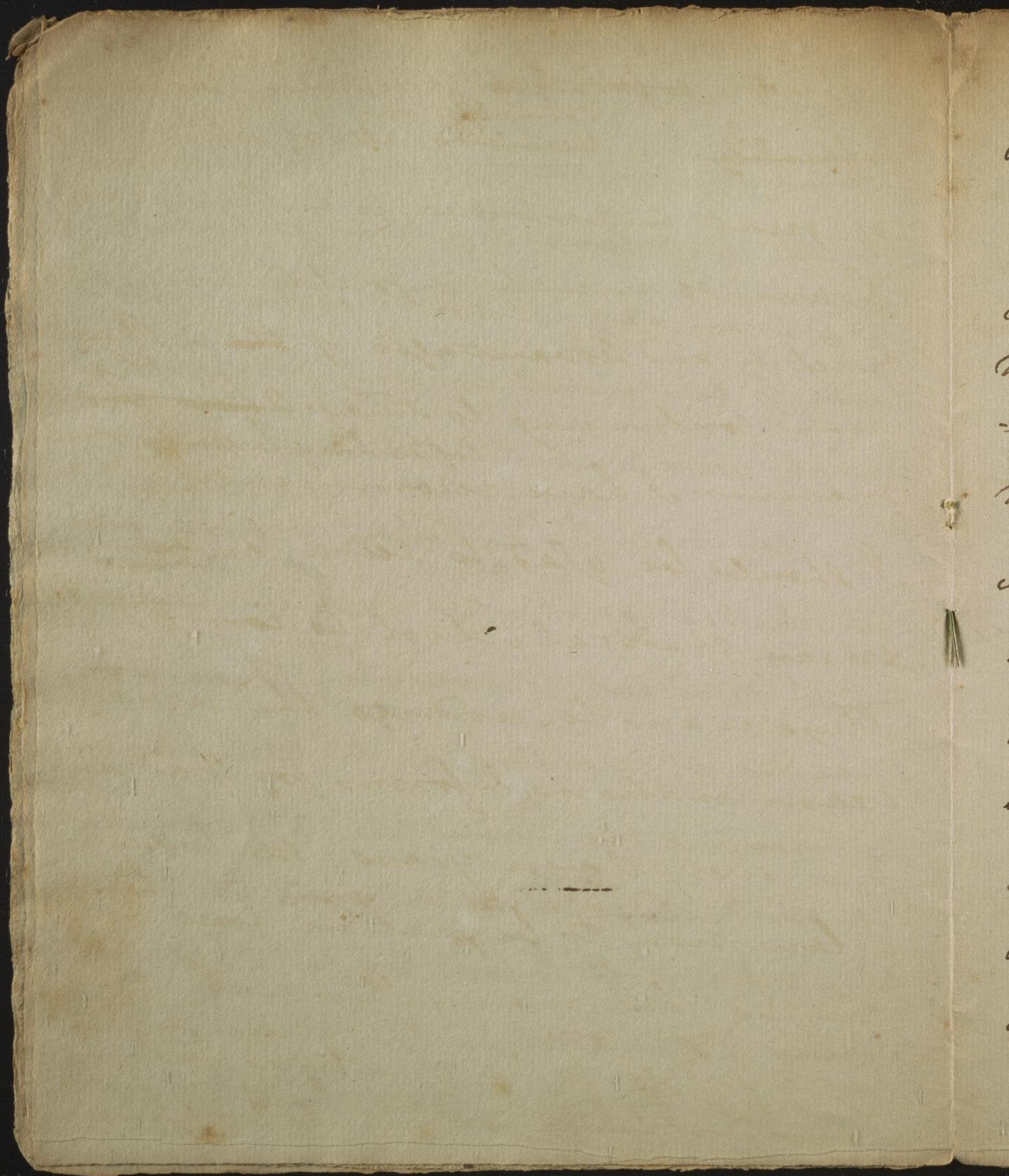


from reading & observation. You
cannot conceive how much you
will improve by this practice.

~~The man says Dr. Clark who will
become eminent in any profession
must "read much - think much
& write much" - All these 3 exercises
must ^{in order} be blended together to produce perfection
in a medical character. ^{The} ~~There is~~~~

Practice of recording facts operates in
improving the mind in 3 ways.

1st it produces ^{close} attention ~~and~~ to the
objects & events before us - 2nd it ex-
ercises & strengthens the memory in
recollecting them, and lastly it



facility 5
creates ~~a facility~~ ^{Conciseness}, taste and
~~a facility~~ in ^{composition} ~~writing~~, all of which are
of great importance to a Physician.

I am so much impressed with the
necessity and Advantages of ~~the~~ a Physi-
-cian continuing to study ~~after~~ ^{in the} ~~the~~
manner I have recommended; that

I should be glad to see a law of in-
every medical School to compel
Physicians to undergo the usual
examinations & forms for Graduating
Once every seven years. ~~to~~ ^{wherefore}
a law now to be put in force. I am
satisfied that many Physicians who
were judged to be qualified for a
~~second~~ ^{first} degree, ~~at~~ would be ^{rejected} ~~refused~~

✓ It is said that the discovery of the circulation of the blood by Dr Harvey was not recd. by any of his contemporary Physicians who were above 40 years of age. This probably arose from the ~~specifications of~~ ^{contraction by} ~~torpor acquired by~~ this minds ~~for~~ the neglect of reading, ^{Reading} for ~~this~~ by creating a habit of seeing & believing in ^{keeps up such a supposition} new things, ~~preparing~~ the mind ~~for~~ as to prepare and enable it to admitting new truths upon all Subjects.

It is not sufficient gent. to read the same books, but once in your lives. Those such as ~~are~~ practical should be read every four or five years. Many

After an ~~in an~~ examination for a second degree. The present fluctuating & improving state of medicine renders ~~reading & study~~ ^{for a Physician} more proper, at this time, than ever it was before, it any all of the world. ✓

[2] Let me advise you rigidly to adhere to your principles in medicine, and by no means to sacrifice them to the prejudices of your patients or ^{of} your brethren in ~~medicine~~ ^{consultations}. — ~~In this way~~

Dr Sydenham lamented in the close of his life, the violence he had done to the dictates of his conscience, by consenting to the use of Remedies imposed upon him in consultations, which

every day

Things will strike you upon ~~the~~ ^{practical authors} the reading of ~~these books~~ which escaped notice
you, in the infant or contracted state of your knowledge. I ~~once thought that~~
~~I was master~~ The most useful of these practical Authors are, ^{Cullen -} ^{Van Swieten} ^{Husham,} - ^{Cleghorn,} ^{Hillary,}
^{Jackson -} ^{Bell, Senac,} Clark - ^{Lind,} ^{Moseley,} ^{Riverius -} and above all the immortal Sydenham. The medical Essays of ~~London~~ & Observations published by the different Societies in London & ^{the United States} ~~Edin~~ and the ~~great~~ Duncan's excellent medical Commentaries lately reprinted by Mr Dobson should form a part of every practical medical library. ^{As most} ~~Secret~~ of these books are to be had in this

were contrary to his judgement. Try
 first to persuade your brethren by
 gentleness and reasoning to adopt
 your opinions & practices. If from
 age they refuse to be won by the
 former, or convinced by the latter,
 invade of treating them, - peaceably
 separate ^{yourselves} from them. In this way
 you will improve ~~yourselves~~ By
 adopting this conduct first: I have
~~done less done more good, & improved~~
 myself more in my profession in ^{five} ~~the~~
 7 years than I did in ~~any~~ ^{the} previous
 20 ~~ten~~ years of my life. But I have
 done more, - I have made known
 to our citizens that ^{there} ~~are~~ is a difference

city, I hope none of you will leave
it with a design to begin practice,
without carrying them with ^{you.} Books
of Speculation in medicine may be
purchased with the increasing resources
of your industry ~~at a future day.~~ ^{at a future day.}
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In your researches in medicine, do not
rely exclusively upon ~~any one of the usual sources of know-~~
~~ledge~~ ^{any one of the usual sources of know-}
Observation - experiment or Reasoning.

They are all subject to fallacy ~~when depended~~
upon ^{in their separate states.} ~~by themselves.~~ The senses are not more
dependant on each other, and Reason ^{is} not
more dependant upon the senses, and the senses
upon Reason, than Observation ~~at~~ experiment.
and reasoning are dependant upon each other.
Their Union ^{is} ~~is~~ indispensably necessary ⁱⁿ ~~to~~
our Science above all others, & every
~~correct and perfect~~ ^{in medicine} ~~each other~~ attempt to separate them is an act of

among our Physicians
of opinions & practice in medicine.
This has led them to inquire into

what the difference consists - and
to attend to the different issue of our
Remedies. The consequence ^{of this inquiry & attention} has been,

a decision in ^{many} ~~most~~ cases in favor
of those Remedies. Hence the Physicians
who ^{were most} opposed to the new practice have
been compelled by ~~the~~ to adopt it.

~~That~~ In vain have they attempted to
elude the charge of being ^{followers} ~~imitators~~ of
this ~~new~~ practice by varying the forms
in which they administer, or apply
the new remedies. In spite of all
they can do, ~~there~~ in many cases
they have become the Apothecaries of

